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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT ENGINEER

VLADIMIR S. MICHELS

1. THE STATE RIVERS AND WATER SUPPLY COMMISSION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF VICTORIA IS SENDING SENIOR DESIGN ENGINEER FOR DAMS, VLADIMIR S. MICHELS, TO EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES TO STUDY LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN DAM DESIGN, SOIL MECHANICS, FOUNDATION ENGINEERING AND HYDRAULIC RESEARCH.

2. MR. MICHELS IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

A) THE ORGANIZATION OF A CONTINUING REVIEW OF THE DESIGN AND SAFETY OF EXISTING DAMS, MAINLY OF THE EMBANKMENT TYPE;

B) THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF DAM CONSTRUCTION AND ITS EVALUATION;

C) SPECIAL DESIGN FEATURES OF SPILLWAYS AND OUTLET WORKS FOR HIGH DAMS, INCLUDING ESTIMATION OF DESIGN FLOODS; AND

D) PROGRESS WITH PLANS FOR MANAGEMENT OF TOTAL WATER RESOURCE SYSTEMS.

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3. MR. MICHELS WOULD LIKE TO VISIT THE SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE AND THE WASHINGTON DC HEADQUARTERS OF THE U. S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS DURING HIS PROPOSED U. S. VISIT ( SEE ITINERARY BELOW). PLEASE ADVISE IF THE TIMING, JULY 18 TO 21, IN SAN FRANCISCO, AND JULY 28 TO 31 IN WASHINGTON DC IS PRACTICAL AND, IF SO, FORWARD CONTACTS IN BOTH PLACES FOR OUR TRANSMITTAL TO MR. MICHELS.

4. MR. VAL KILLIN, CHIEF, DIVISION OF FOREIGN ACTIVITIES, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, WASHINGTON, DC, HAS RECEIVED 972, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION, PRESIDENT MARCOS DECLARED MARTIAL LAW THROUGHOUT PHILIPPINES. IN EXPLANATION, PRESIDENT ATTRIBUTED HIS ACTION TO INCREASING INSURGENCY, DECLINING LAW AND ORDER, AND NEED FOR NATIONAL REFORM. MAJOR EMPHASIS HAS SINCE BEEN PLACED ON LAND REFORM, REFORM OF CIVIL SERVICE AND ARMED FORCES, AND ON DRIVE AGAINST CORRUPTION AND CRIME, INCLUDING NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

THE PHILIPPINES HAS BEEN DEEPLY INVOCVED IN THE EXPANDING ACTIVITIES OF ASEAN, AND AT SAME TIME HAS CONTINUED AS RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPANT IN SEATO. U. S. FOREIGN POLICY INITIATIVES HAVE MET WITH EXPLICIT APPROVAL FROM PHILIPPINES, ESPECIALLY PRESIDENT' S TRIPS TO PEKING AND MOSCOW, OUR VIETNAM POLICY, AND STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS AGREEMENTS.

UNITED STATES HAS CONTINUED ITS MILITARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HAS ALSO PROVIDED APPROXIMATELY DOLS 75 MILLION IN FY-73 IN ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO PHILIPPINES. IMPACT OF THESE PROGRAMS ILLUSTRATED BY RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM, UNDER WHICH U. S. DEVECO- PMENT LOAN WILL FINANCE CONSTRUCTION OF 36 RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE SYSTEMS. PROJECT IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY END OF FY-76 AND WILL PROVIDE SERVICE FOR DOMESTIC, AGRICULTURAL, COMMERCIAL, AND INDUSTRIAL USERS IN AREAS INHABITED BY ABOUT FIVE MILLION PEOPLE. ANOTHER PROGRAM WITH GREAT IMPACT IS PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT' S BIRTH CONTROL PROGRAM WHICH, WITH CURRENT RATE OF PARTICIPATION, COULD REDUCE 3.2 PERCENT ANNUAL POPULATION GROWTH TO RATE OF 2 PERCENT A YEAR BY 1980.

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AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES, RESPONDED PROMPTLY TO FLOOD EMERGENCY. OVER DOLS 30 MILLION IN EMERGENCY RELIEF AID WAS AUTHORIZED. A SUBSEQUENT LONGER TERM REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM FOR ADDITIONAL DOLS 50AW FAULTY, APPEARS MORE LIKELY THAT MIN HEALTH FINDING GENERAL RESISTANCE RETAIL PHARMACISTS AND CONCOMITANT GROWCNG GENERAL DISSATISFACTION PATIENTS WHO CANNOT PURCHASE REQUIRED DRUGS, TOO MUCH TO COPE WITH AND WILL THEREFORE ATTEMPT REACH SOME SOLUTION WHICH WILL ALLOW DRUGGISTS SELL OFF PRESENT STOCKS, WHILE AT SAME TIME TRYING PERSUADE MANUFACTURERS INCREASE SUPPLY GENERIC DRUGS. COURT ACTION MAY THEREFORE HAVE PROVIDED CONVENIENT MEANS FOR MIN HEALTH EXTRICATE ITSELF FROM SITUATION WHICH HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY EMBARRASSING.

4. IN MEANTIME, ACCORDING PRESIDENT PPMA, DRUGGISTS WITHOUT FANFARE HAVE RESUMED SALE BRAND NAME DRUGS. SUCH ACTION CONFIRMED BY CONGEN OFF, WHO WAS TOLD APRIL 7 BY RETAIL DRUGGIST THAT BRAND NAME DRUGS AVAILABLES FOR SALE WITHOUT WRITTEN RECEIPT.  
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